

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-21, and 23-25 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over RFC 1738 "Uniform Resource Locators (URL)" 1994 (herein "RFC 1738") and further in view of U.S. patent 6,275,490 to Mattaway et al. (herein "Mattaway"), U.S. patent 5,943,365 to Long et al. (herein "Long"), and U.S. patent 6,512,525 to Capps et al. (herein "Capps"). Claims 7-8, 17-19, and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of RFC 1738 and Long and Capps. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway further in view of Long and Capps. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 5,732,133 to Mark, Long, and Capps. Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 4,585,904 to Mincone et al. (herein "Mincone"), Long, and Capps. Claims 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 5,835,724 to Smith, Long, and Capps.

Addressing the above-noted rejections, each of those rejections is traversed by the present response.

Initially, applicants note each of the independent claims is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, each of the independent claims now further recites that "said information further includes communication charge information based on said telephone number". Such a feature is shown for example in Figure 5 in the present specification.

In one feature of the claimed invention, after a communication link is selected a message can be displayed on a window 31 that includes information of a charge based on a

telephone number. For example in Figure 5 the information includes a statement such as “The Charge For A Telephone Call Is \$XX.XX/MINUTE.” In the claimed invention the charge for a telephone call can be computed by the CPU 12 from the telephone number, and information of such a computed charge can be displayed for a user.

The above-noted feature clarified in the claims is believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art. That is, none of the cited art teaches or suggests the noted information including “communication charge information based on said telephone number”. In such ways, the claims as currently written are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

Moreover, applicants respectfully submit the basis for the outstanding rejection has not fully and properly considered other claimed features.

In the previous response the claims were amended to further recite a feature that the information “further includes telephone number information configured to confirm that a *previously selected* communication link with said predetermined apparatus has been established” (emphasis added).

Such a feature is shown, as a non-limiting example, in steps S11, S12, S13 in Figure 3B in the present specification, and is also shown in window 31 in Figure 5. As noted in those portions, after a communication link is selected in step S11, a message can be displayed on a window 31 requesting a user to confirm that a displayed telephone number shall be called in step S12. For example Figure 5 shows displaying the question “Are you sure that the telephone number XXX-XXX-XXXX shall be called?...”. Thus, as shown in Figure 5 the message includes telephone number information.

Such features recited in each of the independent claims are believed to also clearly distinguish over the applied art.

More particularly, none of the applied art is believed to teach or suggest a feature of providing a confirmation operation utilizing telephone number information to confirm that a

previously selected communication link with the predetermined apparatus shall be established.

With respect to the above-noted claim feature the outstanding Office Action states:

Mattaway does not specifically disclose information configured to confirm that a communication link with the predetermined apparatus shall be established (e.g. a confirmation dialog) with the telephone number of the selected communication mode. However, it is well known in the art to offer the user a confirmation when an action with consequence or cost to the user is about to be performed. Capps teaches a user interface having dialog which can [display] phone number so that the user can see the number ***to be dialed*** [see fig. 16a-d, fig. 17, 19a, col. 17 lines 10-37, col. 18 lines 5-26]. Since initiating a new telephone call would interrupt the current call (e.g. interrupting the user's current Internet dialup session), it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to display the communication mode and the phone number indicated in the link before dialing because it would have given the user an opportunity to confirm the number and/or stop the call.¹

In further maintaining the rejection directed to the above-noted limitation the outstanding Office Action states:

With respect to the new limitation of displaying a telephone number to confirm a previously selected communication mode, the limitations 'previously selected' communication mode is an inherent characteristic of the system [as] modified in the rejection. The system as modified provides for a URL with phone number and mode of communication. The user selects the URL to initiate a dialing process to establish the communication according to the mode specified in the URL. Hence, a confirmation dialog after the selection of the URL would be a confirmation to the previously selected communication mode.²

Applicants respectfully submit the above-noted bases for the rejection are improper as the prior art simply does not teach or suggest the claimed features.

As recognized in the Office Action Capps allows the display of a phone number to see a number ***to be dialed***. That is, Capps clearly does ***not*** teach or suggest allowing display of a

¹ Office Action of July 5, 2005, the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 (emphasis added).

² Office Action of July 5, 2005, bottom of page 2 (original emphasis).

previously selected communication link. To summarily ignore such a difference between the teachings in Capps and the pending claims is believed to be improper. That is, the outstanding rejection recognizes that Capps does not disclose the noted claim features, but nevertheless somehow concludes that the noted claim features would have been obvious from a completely opposite teaching in Capps. Applicants respectfully submit such a basis for the rejection is improper.

Given that Capps teaches a directly contrary feature to that claimed, it is unclear how combining the teachings in Capps could result in the claimed features, as appears to be the basis for the rejection. Capps clearly discloses a display of telephone icons for an initial selection. The display of telephone icons in Capps have no relevance whatsoever to asking for a confirmation of a previously selected communication link. To summarily ignore the claimed features in view of directly contrary teachings in Capps is believed to be clearly improper.

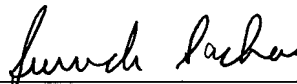
In view of these foregoing comments, applicants respectfully submit the claims as currently written patentably distinguish over the applied art.

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As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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